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To whom it may concern:

During the February 4, 2013 board meeting of the Nevada State Board of Podiatry the Board met and discussed whether or not a podiatrist can supervise hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBO). The Board voted unanimously that hyperbaric oxygen therapy is within a podiatrists' scope pursuant to NRS 635.085 which states, "Use his or her hands and machinery to work upon the foot or leg and its articulations".

The Board has stated that while this modality is within the scope for podiatrists the licensee must meet the following requirements in order to use hyperbaric oxygen therapy:

1. Show evidence of attendance and successful completion of a course of hyperbaric training that is recognized by the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society. That person may only utilize hyperbaric oxygen in the treatment of the leg or foot as recognized in NRS 635.085; and
2. Due to the nature of HBO complications, it is required that the HBO facility be in a "hospital setting" to allow for other health professionals to be present in the event of a patient emergency. Location of the HBO facility within a "hospital campus" suffices the requirement that a podiatric physician practicing HBO must do so in a hospital setting.

Please direct any questions or concerns about hyperbaric oxygen therapy to our office.

Sincerely,

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